

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Timothy L. ROBINSON et al. : Confirmation No.: 1329  
Serial No.: 10/775,079 : Group Art Unit: 3692  
Filed: February 11, 2004 : Examiner: Susanna M. Mienecke Diaz

Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DELAYING PAYMENT PROCESSING FOR  
BIOMETRICALLY-INITIATED FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, together with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, constitutes a complete reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 14, 2009 in the above-identified application. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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